

NOTES FROM TOWN HALL
Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman

Special Town Meeting. A Special Town Meeting was held on October 9. Town Meeting approved various items including the following: \$35,000 for the Assessors Measure and List that must be done every 9 years (The total cost is \$210,000 and is being funded over a 3 year period.), \$25,000 for veterans benefits (The town is reimbursed 75% by the state for these benefits.), \$67,781 for technology assistance at the schools, \$200,000 for the Capital Asset Management program, \$15,000 for design and planning services for the Town Center, \$8,000 for handling the weeds at Lake Mascuppic, \$4,000 for housing consultant services, and a Storm Water Management By-law.

Elementary School Building Project Litigation. The Town has recently settled litigation with 2 of the contractors on the Elementary School Building Project. The Town had encountered problems with the workmanship of these 2 contractors. The Town received \$450,000 in settlement payments. Also, the Town will not pay the remaining \$200,000 on the contract for one of the contractors. The Town has spent more than \$300,000 in legal and consulting fees to deal with this matter. The Selectmen will work with the School Committee on prioritizing the items that need to be repaired.

Solid Waste and Recycling Contract. The Town's contract for solid waste and recycling expires next June. The Selectmen, Board of Health, and Recycling Committee are in the process of developing the request for proposals.